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Mr. Helgersen was nominated by President George Bush and confirmed by the US Senate as CIA's third statutory Inspector General in April 2002. In his previous assignments, he served as Chairman of the Intelligence Community's National Intelligence Council and Deputy Director of the National Imagery and Mapping Agency.

Mr. Helgersen began his government career as an analyst in the Central Intelligence Agency. At varying points he headed units responsible for coverage of Russia, Europe, Africa, and Latin America. Mr. Helgersen held a number of senior management posts at CIA, including four years as Deputy Director for Intelligence. He also served as CIA's Director of Congressional Affairs.

A native of South Dakota, Mr. Helgersen graduated from Saint Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. He has served as a Research Affiliate at the University of Zambia in Lusaka, Zambia, Assistant Professor at the University of Cincinnati, and Counselor for Program Coordination at the US Embassy in London.

Mr. Helgersen is the author of "Getting to Know the President: CIA Briefings of Presidential Candidates, 1952 to 1992," published by CIA's Center for the Study of Intelligence in 1996.

Mr. Helgersen has received a number of awards and commendations, including CIA's Distinguished Intelligence Medal and NIMA's Distinguished Civilian Service Award.